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The Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
Chairman
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Various newspaper accounts and public statements in recent days have referred to testimony purportedly by the CIA before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to the effect that Soviet Russia leads the U. S. in the development of atomic power. I believe that a review of the testimony of my representatives will confirm that the Central Intelligence Agency limited its statements to a presentation of an evaluation of the announced Soviet nuclear power program, its objectives, and Soviet capability of carrying it out, and did not make a comparison between the Soviet and U. S. programs. It is not the responsibility or function of the CIA to pass judgment on the relative position of the U. S. and Soviet or other programs, and it has not done so.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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cc: Admiral Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

29 May 1956

Dear Allen:

Further on the matter which we have been discussing, I have before me a statement made today to the Joint Committee by Walter Reuther in which the following appears:

"While Admiral Strauss belittles the reports from Russia, we read in the newspapers that some other Government official told you in executive session that Russia definitely leads the United States in its plans and programs for harnessing the atom for the production of electric power."

This, of course, is a tie-in with Senator Anderson's reference in the hearings last week to the fact that a witness might request the President to release testimony which the Committee had received in executive session (with the intimation that it came from the CIA) to the same effect.

Would you be willing to issue a brief statement to the following general effect:

Various newspaper accounts and public statements in recent days have referred to purported Government intelligence reports to the effect that Soviet Russia leads the United States in the development of atomic power.

[All statements attributing such a report to the Central Intelligence Agency are without foundation in fact.] The CIA has at no time stated that the Soviet nuclear power program is currently ahead of our own.

Faithfully yours,

Lewis

Lewis L. Strauss

Honorable Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.



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